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Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to John Calhoun Clemson, 1860 July 8

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The Home July 8th 1860

Memorandum of affairs with Louisa Washington
& her son George L Washington

To save my sister & her family from destitution I
let the just named have money from time to time
amounting to thousands of dollars.

At her husband's sale I bought & paid for
many things among others a certain Gold medal of
the value of between \$60 & 70. It was left
in their hands because they said they could sell
for much more than it cost. The medal
never been paid for - and is in their hands.

Baker Clemens on one occasion on the eve of my
departure for Europe begged me to let Louisa
Washington have a few dollars I think it was
some one or two hundred. I told him to go to Mr.
John Galt and get it, He then from Mr Galt (my
guardian) all that I had in the world amount-
ing to some where about eighteen hundred dollars -
which he says he gave to Louisa Washington -

However the Homestead note was made over
to me as part security - ~~for~~ in 1832 I think it
was recorded in Charleston Jefferson County Virginia
I have never received one cent upon or for any
debt due me. George Washington has been living
on the dower for years has never paid a cent on it
but swears me about it by his belly will show.

Louisa Washington has money in the hands of Baker
Clemens I offered to give her a home for her life

I offered to take the money & give her what
during her life and the principal to go to my
children to pay them what is ~~due~~ due them
all without avail - Baker Clemens & Wm
Clemens offered to pay me four hundred dollars
at the death of Louisa Washington (a sum given
to them in the hands of Baker Clemens belonging
to Louisa Washington if I would make over to George
L Washington my right & title to the Dover
on the ~~Hamwood~~ estate, which I spurned
with indignation -

The money is justly due to my children
have waited, remonstrated, begged for a space of
thirty years without avail. But abuse
shameful abuse. I desire my son John
Calhoun Clemens to prosecute this business for
justice and vindicate my kind conduct to
proving unworthy of my kind & the consideration
they have received at my hands -

Thos. J. Clemens

John Calhoun Clemens -

All the claims that I
have against Louisa
Washington & her son
George & Washington I
make over give as
bequeaths to my son John
Calham Clemens - provided
that he prosecutes the
same to a settlement.

I do not deny that he
thinks you much money
in the prosecution. But
as I have received no gratification
for kindness I do not wish
George & Washington to have
one cent of what is due me
or my children

Thos Clemens

July 9th 1860

The Home & Piney Grove Ind.